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MAYOR EMANUEL JOINS CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR ALDERMAN MELL'S FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined the Chicago City Council to honor Alderman Richard Mell nearly 40 years of service to Chicago's 33rd Ward on the city's Northwest Side. Alderman Mell's leadership has proven beneficial to his constituents but all residents of Chicago. He led the charge on many significant contributions that led reform in Chicago including a citywide ban on spray paint, new city ethic codes for elected officials, and holding absentee slum landlords accountable.

"Alderman Mell has served the City of Chicago and the 33rd Ward with distinction for nearly 40 years," said Mayor Emanuel. "His leadership in his community and in the City Council will leave an indelible mark on the city. Alderman Mell will be sorely missed."

Ald. Mell was elected to the Chicago City Council in 1975. A stalwart for the highest quality of life for his constituents, he frequently attended community meetings, encouraged home rehabilitation and piloted social programs for those in need. In 1979, Ald. Mell was elected as Vice Mayor of the City of Chicago by his fellow City Council colleagues.

Ald. Mell was an active member of the City Council serving as Chairman of the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics and member of the Committees on Budget and Governmental Operations, Finance, Health, Housing & Land Acquisition, Human Relations and Traffic Control and Safety. Ald. Mell leaves behind a long legacy which served as an impetus for him to work tirelessly for the 33rd Ward.

A video was shown at city council today honoring Ald. Mell. The link to download the video is here: <https://www.yousendit.com/download/OGhjb244TkwyWGRMWE1UQw>

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